

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
HELOTES CITY COUNCIL

The City of Helotes City Council met for a regular meeting Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 12951 Bandera Road, Helotes, Texas. This was an open meeting, subject to the open meeting laws of the State of Texas.

Present: Thomas A. Schoolcraft, Mayor
Alex Blue, Mayor Pro Tem
Jim Meadows
Bert Buys
Cynthia Massey
Paul Friedrichs

Staff Present: Rick Schroder, City Administrator
Celina Perez, City Secretary
Susan Darst, Assistant to the City Administrator

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Schoolcraft called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council Member Buys led the invocation. Mayor Schoolcraft led the pledge to the U.S. flag and the Texas flag.

RECOGNITION:

2. Proclamation presented by Mayor Thomas A. Schoolcraft to City Treasurer Tabitha "Taby" Durr in recognition of National Payroll Week dated September 2 – 6, 2019.

Mayor Schoolcraft read the proclamation and expressed appreciation for City Treasurer Taby Durr, who was unable to attend the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS (ITEM NOS. 3 – 5):

3. Public hearing to give all interested persons the right to appear and be heard on proposed City of Helotes Fiscal Year Ending (FYE) 2020 Budgets, including, but not limited to, the General (Maintenance & Operations) Fund, Debt Service (Interest & Sinking) Fund, Capital Replacement Fund, Municipal Court Security and Technology Funds, Police Dept. Training and Education Fund, School Safety Fund, PEG (Public Access Channel) Fund, Police Dept. State Forfeiture Fund, Street Maintenance Fund, and Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Fund budgets.

Mayor Schoolcraft opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. No one signed up to speak on this item. Mayor Schoolcraft closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

4. Public hearing to give all interested persons the right to appear and be heard on the adoption of the proposed Tax Year 2019 ad valorem (property) tax rate.

Mayor Schoolcraft opened the public hearing at 7:06 p.m. No one signed up to speak on this item. Mayor Schoolcraft closed the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

5. Public hearing to give all interested persons the right to appear and be heard on a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Helotes, Texas approving appropriations for the City of Helotes Economic Development Corporation's (EDC) FYE 2020 Maintenance & Operating, Interest & Sinking, and Capital Budgets beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020 to support the EDC's programs, "Projects," as defined by Texas Local Government Code Chapter 505 Type B Corporations, and cooperatives; authorizing the City Administrator and EDC Executive Director to take all necessary steps to implement the provisions of this Resolution; incorporating recitals; providing for severability; and adopting an effective date.

Mayor Schoolcraft opened the public hearing at 7:06 p.m. No one signed up to speak on this item. Mayor Schoolcraft closed the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

OPEN SESSION:

6. Citizens to be Heard.

No one signed up to speak on this item.

CONSENT AGENDA (ITEM NOS. 7 - 10): All items marked with an asterisk (**) on the consent agenda were voted on by one motion. Motion was made by Council Member Meadows, second by Council Member Friedrichs, to approve items 7, 8, 9, and 10 on the consent agenda. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

7. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated August 8, 2019. (Staff)**

8. Approval of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Helotes, Texas submitting a candidate nomination for Rick A. Schroder for a position to the Bexar Appraisal District Board of Directors for term ending in the Year 2021; authorizing the City Administrator to take all necessary steps to implement the provisions of this Resolution; incorporating recitals; providing for severability; and adopting an effective date. (Staff)**

9. Pursuant to H.B 914 adopted by the 86th Texas Legislature, approval of the continued receipt of a pro rata share of bingo prize fees collected by non-profit charitable organizations within the City of Helotes and remitted to the Texas Lottery Commission (TLC) and authorizing Mayor Thomas A. Schoolcraft to affirm and execute the TLC – Charitable Bingo Division Bingo Prize Fee Funds Municipality Governing Body Vote Verification Notice. (Staff)**

- 10.** Approval of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Helotes, Texas approving the terms of an Agreement between the De Zavala – Shavano Veterinary Clinic and the City of Helotes for the provision of animal care services to the City; declaring a public purpose; authorizing the City Administrator to take all necessary steps to implement the provisions of this Resolution; incorporating recitals; providing for severability; repealing any other Code provisions, resolutions, or parts of resolutions, and other provisions in conflict herewith; and setting an effective date. (Staff)**

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

- 11. Discussion of and direction on proposed City of Helotes FYE 2020 Budget(s), including, but not limited to, the following (Mayor Schoolcraft and Staff):**
- a) General (Maintenance & Operations) Fund;**
 - b) Debt Service (Interest & Sinking) Fund;**
 - c) Capital Replacement Fund;**
 - d) Economic Development Corporation Fund;**
 - e) Municipal Court Security and Technology Funds;**
 - f) Police Training and Education Fund;**
 - g) School Safety Fund;**
 - h) PEG (Public Access Channel) Fund;**
 - i) State Forfeiture Fund;**
 - j) Street Maintenance Fund;**
 - k) Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Fund;**
 - l) Proposed ad valorem tax rate; and**
 - m) Proposed personnel position, salary, benefit, and holiday schedule amendments.**

Rick Schroder, City Administrator, presented additional information on the proposed ad valorem tax rate of \$0.350 cents per \$100 valuation for Tax Year 2019. Council held a lengthy discussion and ultimately, the general consensus was to leave the ad valorem tax rate at \$0.350 cents. Voicing strong comments on this item was Council Member Massey, who believed the tax rate should be lowered to \$0.345 cents as recommended by Mayor Schoolcraft in the budget presentation at the Council Meeting held on August 8, 2019.

Next, Rick presented estimates on increasing the TMRS employee deposit rate from 6% to 7%. Council held several rounds of discussion and again, the majority favored increasing the employee deposit rate to 7%. Council Member Massey on the other hand felt that the current employee deposit rate of 6% was sufficient.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Schoolcraft added there were no significant changes to the budget since the last presentation at the August 8th meeting. Additionally, Staff agreed to provide Council the Year 2019 tax rate calculation worksheet, an employee tenure report, and the names of cities that have a TMRS employee deposit rate of 7%.

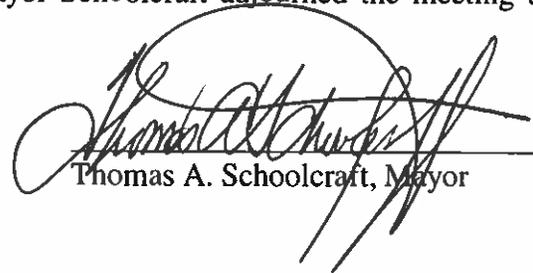
Adjourn

With no more business to come before Council, Mayor Schoolcraft adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

ATTEST:



Celina Perez, City Secretary



Thomas A. Schoolcraft, Mayor

